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**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A product which comprises sorbic acid and at least one ~~culture of a microorganism with probiotic activity~~ ~~[[ (= ) ] ] probiotic [D]]~~, said product comprising at least 90 % by weight sorbic acid.
2. (Canceled) Please cancel Claim 2.
3. (Currently Amended) A product as claimed in claim 1, which comprises a probiotic or probiotics in an amount which corresponds to  $10^7$  to  $10^{10}$  viable microorganisms per g of ~~the a~~ feed produced from the product.
4. (Currently Amended) A product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the probiotic ~~is~~ comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~[[ (: ) ] ]~~ *Bacillus cereus*, *Bacillus clausii*, *Bacillus licheniformis*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Bifidobacterium breve*, *Bifidobacterium infantis*, *Bifidobacterium lactis*, *Bifidobacterium longum*, *Bifidobacterium adolescentis*, *Enterococcus faecium*, *Enterococcus mundtii*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus amylovorus*, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*, *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus crispatus*, *Lactobacillus farciminis*, *Lactobacillus gallinarum*, *Lactobacillus gasseri*, *Lactobacillus johnsonii*, *Lactobacillus paracasei*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Lactobacillus reuteri*, *Lactobacillus rhamnosus*, *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Pedococcus acidilactici*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Streptococcus infantarius*, and *Streptococcus thermophilus* ~~and combinations thereof.~~

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5. (Currently Amended) A product as claimed in claim 1, which additionally comprises at least one enzyme ~~and/or enzyme product~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A product as claimed in claim 5; wherein the enzyme comprises at least one member is selected from ~~[[:]]~~ the group consisting of phytase, cellulase, glucanase, hemicellulase (xylanase), amylase, galactosidase, pentosanase, glucosidase, various lipases, mannanase (endo-1,4- $\beta$ ), polygalacturonase, and transglutaminase ~~and mixtures thereof~~.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A feedstuff which comprises a product as claimed in claim 1.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~An addition to feedstuffs which comprises~~ A feedstuff additive comprising a product as claimed in claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A feedstuff as claimed in claim 8, which comprises the product in an amount ranging from ~~[[>]]~~ 0.0 0.5 to 2.0 % by weight, ~~[[[]]]~~ based on the weight of the feedstuff ~~[[[]]] of the product~~.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

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16. (New) A product which comprises sorbic acid and at least one probiotic, said sorbic acid and probiotic present in a weight ratio of sorbic acid to probiotic of 15:1 to 99:1.

17. (New) A product which comprises carboxylic acid consisting essentially of sorbic acid and at least one probiotic.

18. (New) A product according to Claim 1, wherein said product does not include a neutralizing agent.

19. (New) A product according to Claim 1, wherein said probiotic is acid resistant.

20. (New) A product according to Claim 1, wherein the probiotic consists essentially of at least one member selected from the group consisting of *Bacillus cereus*, *Bacillus clausii*, *Bifidobacterium lactis*, *Enterococcus mundtii*, *Lactobacillus amylovorus*, *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*, *Lactobacillus crispatus*, *Lactobacillus farciminis*, *Lactobacillus gallinarum*, *Lactobacillus johnsonii*, *Lactobacillus paracasei*, *Pediococcus acidilactici*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, *Streptococcus infantarius*, and *Streptococcus thermophilus*.

21. (New) A feedstuff according to Claim 8, further including an amino acid composition comprising L-lysine HCl, DL-methionine and L-threonine.